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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 2929

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, PGOV

SUBJECT: MINISTER OF MINES RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

REF: A. SANTIAGO 2676; B. SANTIAGO 2693

1. PRESIDENT PINOCHET ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF MINMINES  
GENERAL AGUSTIN TORO APRIL 23. TORO HAD BEEN ABROAD ATTENDING  
CIPEC MEETING WHEN NEW CABINET WAS INSTALLED APRIL 14 (REF A).

2. NEW UNDER SECRETARIES FOR PUBLIC WORKS (SIMON FIGUEROA -  
CIVILIAN) AND HOUSING (LT. COL. ARTHUR CLARK - AIR FORCE) WERE  
ALSO ANNOUNCED. ADDITIONAL CHANGES IN SECONDARY AND TERTIARY  
GOVT. POSTS ARE EXPECTED, BUT NO CLEAR TREND YET VISIBLE.

3. COMMENT: TORO'S RESIGNATION WAS EXPECTED, WITH SCENARIO  
ORIGINALLY CALLING FOR HIS REPLACEMENT BY FORMER MINECONOMY  
FERNANDO LENIZ (REF B). WE NOW HEAR THAT LENIZ WAS INDEED  
OFFERED THE POST BUT TURNED IT DOWN. PREVAILING PUBLIC  
SPECULATION IS THAT NEW MINMINES WILL BE CIVILIAN BUT NOT A  
FORMER CABINET OFFICER (I.E. LENIZ). NO NAMES MENTIONED, NOR  
HAVE WE PRIVATELY HEARD OF ANY. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MINISTER  
IS EXPECTED "SOON".  
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